



MINDFUL BREATHING

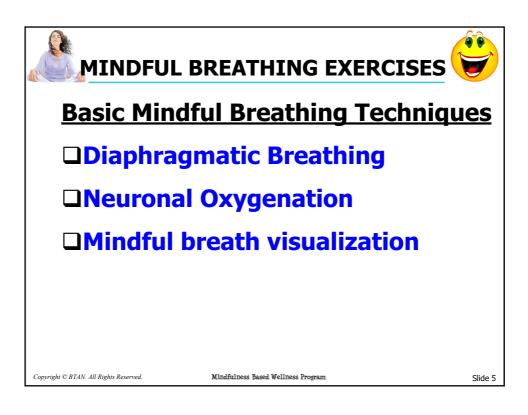


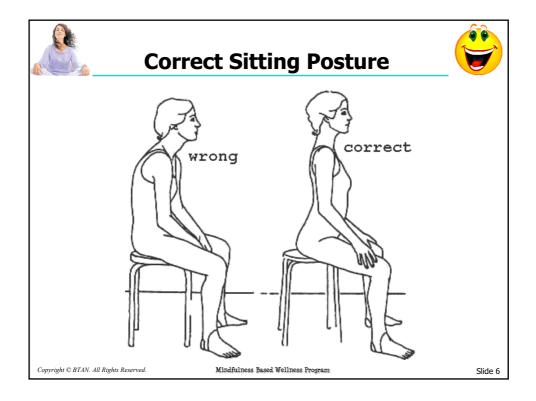
Most critically overlooked relaxation tool! Easiest to relax the body and calm the mind.

- a) Increases natural unforced oxygen intake (food for cells!)
- b) Stabilizes heart rate and blood pressure
- c) Regulates body temperature and blood circulation
- d) Restores and maintains homeostasis (stability)
- e) Calms the nervous system, indicating absence of threats

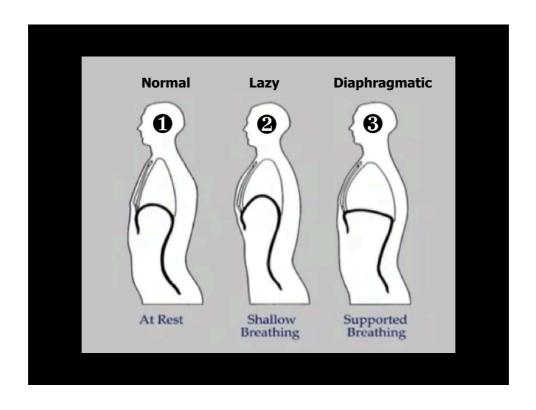
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#1) DIAPHRAGMATIC BREATHING



Breathing with the diaphragm

- Inhale through Nose
- Exhale through Lips
- Use Diaphragm to draw in air
- 1. Inhale using diaphragm (4~5 secs)
- 2. Exhale fully through lips (4~5 secs)





- ✓ Relaxing & Calming
- Attention
- ✓ Wellness

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#2) NEURONAL OXYGENATION



4-6-8 Breathing:

- Inhale through Nose, exhale through Lips
- Push out 3 out-breath before you begin
- 1. Inhale deeply and swiftly for 4 counts
- 2. Hold breath for 6 counts (focus on counting)
- 3. Exhale & push out fully for 8 counts
- ✓ Relaxing & Calming
- ✓ Attention
- ✓ Alertness & Concentration
- ✓ Wellness.

Caution: Do Not Overuse!

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#3) Mindful Breath Visualization



- 1. I am relaxed, I am calm, I am peaceful, I am happy;
- 2. I am confident, motivated and passionate with my work;
- 3. I am capable, I am hardworking, and I am very good at what I do;
- 4. I am getting stronger and stronger, healthier and healthier every day;
- 5. I choose to be peaceful, I choose to forgive, and I choose to stay calm and relaxed;
- 6. I choose to be kind, I choose to be compassionate, and I choose to be helpful and caring;
- 7. I forgive myself, and I forgive others for all our shortcomings.

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#4) PROGRESSIVE MUSCLE RELAXATION (PMR)



"FIST" PMR:

- 1. Breath In as you SQUEEZE your fist slowly
- 2. HOLD your grip as you Breath Out
- 3. Breath In while holding grip
- 4. RELEASE your grip slowly as you Breath Out
- 5. Pay attention to hand sensations
- 6. Shake your hands and repeat
- ✓ Relaxing & Calming
- ✓ Wellness
- ✓ Releasing tension in the hand & fingers



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#5) "PUSH-UP" PMR



- 1. Breath In as you PUSH-UP slowly
- 2. HOLD your grip as you Breath Out
- 3. Holding grip, Breath In again
- 4. RELEASE grip slowly as you Breath Out
- 5. Focus attention on hand sensations
- 6. Shake your hands and repeat
- ✓ Relaxing & Calming
- ✓ Wellness
- ✓ Releasing tension in shoulders & arms



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#6) SHOULDER PMR



- 1. Breath In as you push Shoulders Up slowly
- 2. HOLD your posture as you Breath Out
- 3. Breath In while holding shoulders up
- 4. RELEASE shoulders slowly as you Breath Out
- 5. Pay attention to shoulder sensations
- 6. Shake your shoulders and repeat
- ✓ Relaxing & Calming
- ✓ Wellness

"SHOULDERS UP" PMR

✓ Releasing tension & stiffness in neck & shoulders

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CONSCIOUS RELAXATION



A relaxed body is a necessary condition for a calm mind!

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